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Radio Pública en Español Transmitirá los 81 Partidos De los Tigres en Casa

Por Michael Alberts

El exjugador de los Tigres, Bárbaro Garbey, será el comentarista y Carlos Guillén narrará en español los 81 partidos de los Tigres en casa durante la temporada 2025. Los partidos se transmitirán por las estaciones de radio La Z 1310 AM y 107.9 FM WDTW. Este será el primer año en que los aficionados podrán escuchar todos los partidos en casa en español. La transmisión también se puede escuchar en la aplicación SAP Audio de FanDuel Sports Network.

Garbey nació en Santiago de Cuba, Cuba, en 1956. En 1980, Garbey se embarcó en un pequeño bote pesquero y se convirtió en el primer miembro de la Selección Nacional de Béisbol de Cuba en emigrar a Estados Unidos junto con otros 200 refugiados cubanos como parte del éxodo del Mariel, o "flotilla de la libertad". No fue una "deserción"; Garbey dejó Cuba para jugar béisbol; así de simple. Tras ser trasladado a una base militar en Indiantown Gap, Pensilvania, donde el cazatalentos de los Tigres, Orlando Peña —cubano y lanzador de Grandes Ligas—, lo encontró jugando a la pelota con jeans y camiseta, pero desde entonces viéndolo como un jugador de Grandes Ligas. Tras ser liberado del campamento militar con su primo Merta, Garbey finalmente consiguió un boleto a Lakeland con los Tigres. Peña le ofreció a Garbey un contrato de 2500 dólares con los Tigres el 6 de junio de 1980. Para 1984, Garbey fue seleccionado por Sparky Anderson para comenzar la temporada con los Tigres y jugó un papel clave en el inicio de la temporada de 35-5. En los primeros 21 juegos con los Tigres, tuvo un promedio de .583 con 15 carreras impulsadas en 45 apariciones en la caja de bateo. El 7 de abril de 1984, jugó en primera base durante seis entradas del juego sin hits de Jack Morris contra los Medias Blancas. Al finalizar la temporada de 1984 con los Tigres, comenzaron 110 juegos y bateó .287. Con más de 300 apariciones en el plato, Garbey terminó tercero en promedio de bateo, detrás de Alan Trammell y Lou Whitaker.

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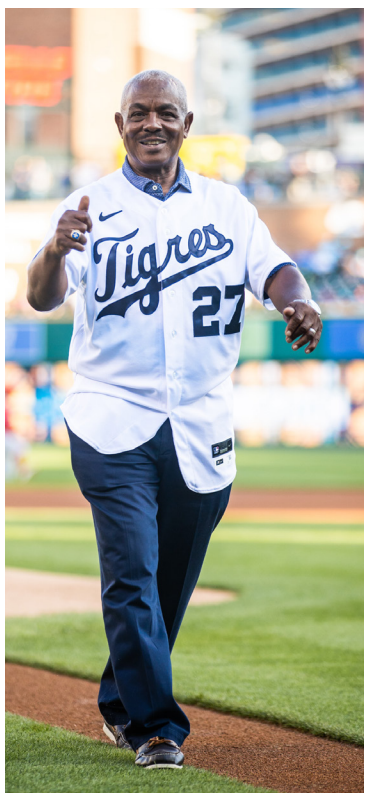
Spanish Public Radio to Broadcast All 81 Tiger Home Games



Barbaro Garbay at the Tigers' 1984 World Champions Reunion in 2024 Photo courtesy of the Detroit Tigers

By Michael Alberts

Former Tiger utility player Barbaro Garbey will act as color analyst and Carlos Guillen will provide the play-by-play for all 81 home games in Spanish for the 2025 season. Games will be broadcast on La Z 1310 AM and 107.9 FM WDTW radio stations. This will be the first year Tiger Fans can listen to all home games in complete Spanish Broadcast. Spanish-language Broadcasts can also be heard on the SAP Audio App on FanDuel Sports Network.

Garbey was born in Santiago de Cuba, Cuba in 1956. In 1980, Garbey climbed aboard a small fishing boat and became the first member of the Cuban National Baseball Team to emigrate to the USA along with 200 other Cuban refugees as part of the Mariel boatlift — or "freedom flotilla". It was not a "defection"; Garbey left Cuba to play baseball; it was as simple as that. After being taken to an Army base in Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania, where Tigers scout Orlando Peña — himself a Cuban and a pitcher in the major leagues — found him playing catch in a pair of blue jeans and a T-shirt. Still, Pena saw a major league player in the making. After being released from the Army Camp to his cousin Merta, Garbey ultimately ended up with a ticket to Lakeland from the Tigers. Pena offered Garbey a $ 2,500 contract with the Tigers on June 6, 1980.

By 1984, Garbey was selected by Sparky Anderson to start the season with the Tigers and he played a key role in the 35-5 start. In the first 21 games with the Tigers, he had an average of .583 with 15 RBI's in 45 appearances in the batting box. On April 7th , 1984, he played first base for six innings of Jack Morris's no-hitter vs the White Sox. Finishing the '84 season with the Tigers he started 110 games and hit .287. With more than 300 plate appearances Garbey finished third in batting average behind Alan Trammell and Lou Whitaker.

During the decades that followed his stint with the Tigers, Garbey was all over baseball in almost every role that one could imagine. He lives in the metro Detroit area with his wife Kimberly and family. Now he will be present in the broadcast booth at Comerica for all 81 home games of the 2025 season.

Community Organizations and Residents Mobilize to Offer Assistance To Water Main Flood Victims in Southwest Detroit

By Andrea Meza

On February 17, families living near Beard and Rowan streets were abruptly awoken by water rushing through their neighborhood. A 54-inch water main busted, submerging cars, filling basements, and, in some cases, reaching the main level of homes, all while it was zero degrees outside. It was an unexpected disaster, and according to a statement by Sue Coffey, CEO of Great Lakes Water Authority, the burst pipe was likely not preventable.

A little over a month later, local nonprofit organizations recall the devastating day and the subsequent actions made to keep the affected residents safe throughout the tough experience.

"We had several staff along with, you know, some of our other partners who went out with some of the city officials to start knocking on the doors, making sure people were safe," Angie Reyes, executive director and founder of Detroit Hispanic Development Corporation (DHDC) said.

Reyes, along with others, quickly recognized the great need for bilingual speakers and nonauthoritative personnel because of residents' fear of deportation.

An initiative, known as 'Know Your Rights,' began in Southwest Detroit after the Trump Administration's plan to fulfill the largest deportation in U.S. history. Southwest Detroit residents were fearful especially after claims of increased patrolling in neighborhoods a week into Trump's taking office.

"We had just had multiple meetings about not opening your door, you know with deportation, and Know Your Rights," said Maria Salinas, executive director of Congress of Communities (CoC).

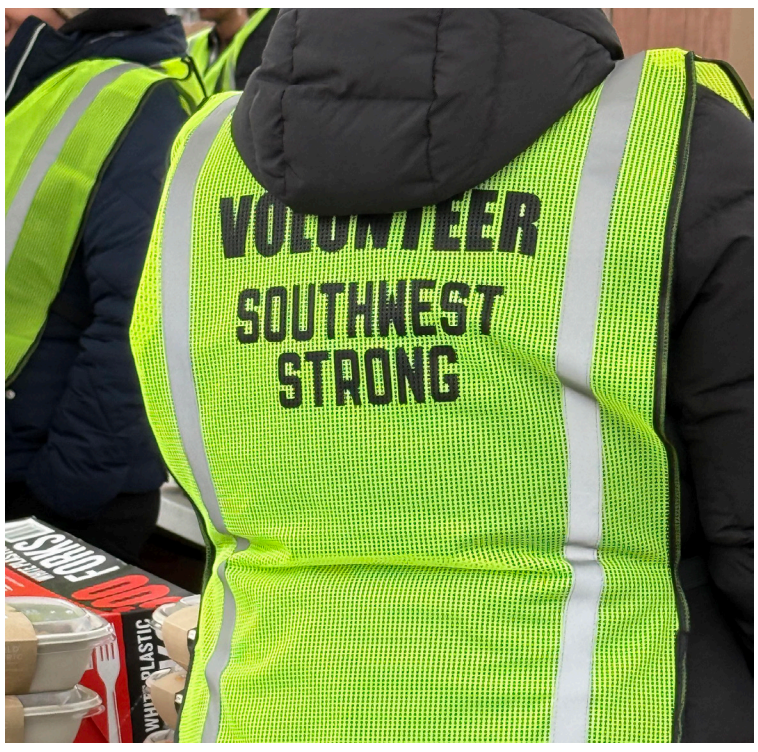
Communication between city officials, police officers, and the affected residents was the first major challenge because of language barriers and mixed legal statuses, exemplifying the need for local organizations and volunteers to step in.

"I was out the door by 8:30; they had me in rubber boots, a rubber yellow outfit, in a squad car with Officer Love. I'll never forget it. I mean, it was like a movie," said Salinas, as she remembered getting the call to come to ground zero immediately to knock on doors.

Salinas said that as she was going door to door, some families knew her and that they could trust her. For the families that were not as familiar, she provided a card and informed them who she was and that they were in no harm. She was simply there to help them.

"I think our role as Congress of Communities was you know the familiarity of our agency," said Salinas. "We do a lot of underground grassroot everything. You know people know us."

Urban Neighborhood Initiatives (UNI) and DHDC were more familiar faces that the community could trust to knock on their door and get them to a safe place as soon as possible. UNI immediately took it upon themselves to begin using an intake form as they knocked on doors to gather vital information on the residents. This form was shared with peer organizations to start providing case management and understanding the immediate needs.



The Shop Screenprinting in Mexicantown donated "Southwest Strong" safety vests to the volunteers working with Southwest Pride

"When people left, they took nothing. Just the clothes on their back, maybe a backpack." Mary Carmen Munoz, executive director of Latin Americans for Social and Economic Development (LA SED) said. Therefore, people needed all necessities such as clothes, toiletries, cleaning supplies, diapers, formula, and medical necessities. Because of this, each organization set up its respective donation centers.

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La Raza Art and Media Collective, 1975 – Today

George Vargas, Ana Cardona and Jesse Gonzalez Present in Historic Artists' Panel April 11th

By: Ozzie Rivera

A historic Latino arts exhibition entitled "La Raza Art and Media (RAM) Collective, 1975 – Today" is on display at the University of Michigan's Museum of Art and will run through July 20. This exhibition revisits the 50th anniversary of the founding of RAM Collective to reflect on the profound impact of these visionary creators.

April 11th and April 12th, the Museum will hold two days of activities that coincide with the exhibit and celebrate the artists who were members of the La Raza Art and Media Collective. A panel entitled Artist Talk: George Vargas, Ana Luisa Cardona, and Jesse Gonzalez will be held Friday, Apr 11th from 6:00pm–7:30pm in the Helmut Stern Auditorium of the University of Michigan's Museum of Art. The Museum is located at 525 S State St., Ann Arbor, MI 48109.

The following day students, staff and others will come to Southwest Detroit for "City Spirit: A Walking Tour of Murals in Southwest Detroit," in a homage to a number of the murals that grace our beautiful neighborhood.

Wel- known Detroit artist Vito Valdez will guide this tour along with George Vargas, one of the founders of La Raza Art and Media Collective. I reached out to Vito to get an idea of what those coming on the tour might experience. He stated, "the tour is a personal reflective overview into the origins of historic community murals and public art projects, celebrating the rich cultural heritage of Southwest Detroit's International Bordertown."

It must be noted that a number of the artists featured in the Ann Arbor exhibit are associated with southwest Detroit's rich cultural history. George Vargas, mentioned above, painted the mural "City Spirit" located on the southeast corner of the intersection of Ste. Anne and Bagley. As one of the exhibit's featured pieces George Vargas painted a mural within the exhibit space itself. Ana Cardona, also one of the April 11th panelists. along with Julio Perazza would go on to become key players in Casa de Unidad, Southwest Detroit's premier arts and cultural organization for close to twenty years. Ana served as the center director and Julio as one of the center's prolific photographers.

Recently, I went to see the Raza exhibit and was really moved by the depth and vibrancy of the artwork. It covers a historic period starting in the mid 70s up to the present. Artists in the Collective practiced their craft as a way to advocate for and promote their communities. This included Ana and Julio's efforts at Casa. I was quite moved to see that a number of University of Michigan students researched Casa de Unidad archives now housed at the University's Bentley Library and produced a significant number of "Zines", which are graphic printed documents, highlighting the artwork, poems and short biographies of many of the individuals that passed through the doors of that historic organization.

In preparation for this article I talked to George Vargas and Ana Cardona about their thoughts on the fact the University of Michigan's Museum of Art saw the importance of organizing this exhibit.

Ana Cardona stated "The exhibit is important because it focuses on a group of Chicano and Puerto Rican artists and writers creating in Michigan and the Midwest, who went on to exert significant influence on the arts in Detroit and around the country. Our exploration into Latino culture while on campus, led Julio and I to dig more deeply into Puerto Rican history by interviewing elders on the island and producing the independent documentary "Los Viejitos- The Puerto Rican Elders" which is archived at the University of Michigan's Bentley Library. It was on this journey to Puerto Rico we met Jack Delano, the Works Progress Administration (WPA) photographer who documented life on the island beginning in the 1950s when he headed up Puerto Rico's Division of Community Education. After bringing Delano to Michigan as a University of Michigan Visiting Artist, I was told by George Vargas about a position at Casa de Unidad in Detroit. Yearning to put theory into practice, the management of Casa de Unidad provided a perfect opportunity for me to focus on Detroit and Michigan Latino artists within Southwest Detroit's vibrant community. Julio Perazza's return to his hometown of Detroit allowed him to photographically document life in Southwest Detroit"

George in turn stated, "The Exhibition at The University of Michigan Museum of Art is important for a number of reasons. The exhibition demonstrates the growing presence of Chicano/Latino peoples in Michigan and their contributions to the cultural history and economy of the state. Also, the exhibition showcases the art organization La Raza Art and Media, based at U of M, and this student group's work in presenting, promoting, and preserving Latino art in Ann Arbor, Detroit, Lansing, Adrian, Grand Rapids and other communities."

He continued. "Through our activism Raza Art and Media elevated a greater awareness of Latino art and culture; and garnered funding for our programs and projects. Raza Art and Media ended when its members graduated from U of M to start their professional careers. Nonetheless, many of us continued to further develop the Latino art scene, especially in Detroit. Ana Cardona and Julio Perazza worked through Casa de Unidad, a grass roots art group in Detroit's Mexicantown; and I organized exhibitions with celebrated artist Nora Chapa Mendoza, and also painted murals in Detroit."

The art exhibition, "La Raza Art and Media Collective, 1975 – Today," will be held through July 20 at the University of Michigan's Museum of Art 525 S State St Ann Arbor, MI 48109. Their phone number is 734.764.0395. If you have any questions about the exhibit and his work you can reach George Vargas at vargas.george8@att.net

Support for La Raza Art and Media Collective is provided by the U-M Office of the Provost and U-M Arts Initiative.

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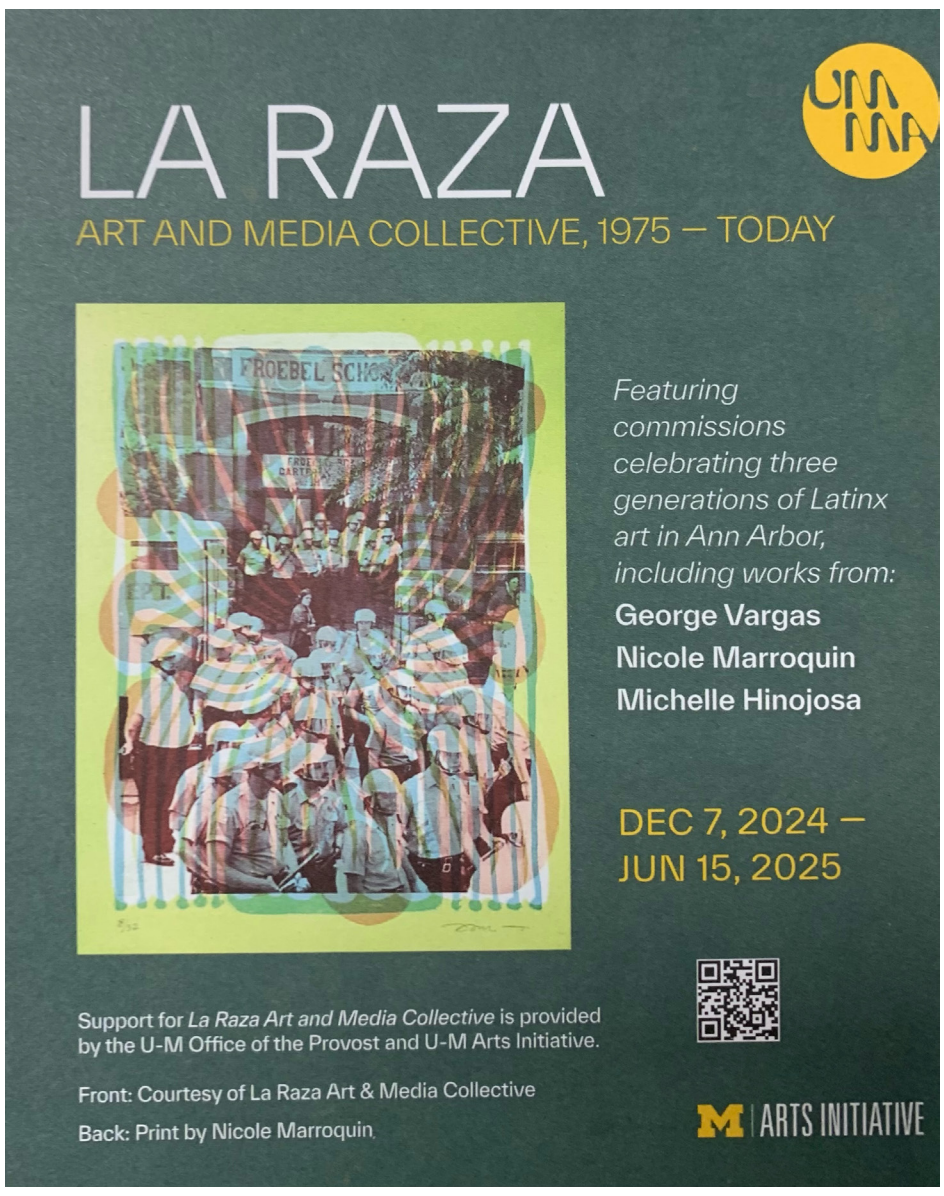
Ozzie Rivera, a retired social worker, is a cultural activist and musician who currently teaches on Afro Latino History and Culture at Wayne State University and social work at the University of Michigan.

(left) George Vargas (Right) Ana Cardona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FIFTH IN A SERIES OF INTERVIEWS OF DETROIT MAYORAL CANDIDATES 2025
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Entrevista a Jonathan Barlow sobre la campaña electoral para la alcaldía de Detroit

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Como alcalde, el empresario Jonathan Barlow aprovecharía su experiencia en la industria tecnológica y los emprendimientos, para darle a Detroit una visión de futuro.

En resumen: La entrevista a Axios con Barlow es la más reciente en nuestra serie artículos sobre los candidatos a la alcaldía y sus prioridades políticas.

- Barlow y otros candidatos que no han ocupado cargos electivos buscan impulsar el gobierno municipal al ver que muchos residentes están hastiados de la política tradicional.

Retrospectiva: Barlow es capitalista y director de alianzas estratégicas de X Big Tech. Tiene experiencia en organización comunitaria, DEI, desarrollo web y ciberseguridad.

- Barlow también ha trabajado como consultor en la industria del cannabis.
- Su grupo Ciudadanos por una Reforma Sensible del Cannabis recogió firmas para apoyar a la industria del cannabis medicinal de Detroit mediante propuestas electorales exitosas en 2017.
- Creció en Detroit, asistiendo a las reuniones de las juntas escolares en la década de 1990 con su madre, quien trabajaba en las Escuelas Públicas de Detroit.

El empresario Jonathan Barlow anunció su candidatura a la alcaldía de Detroit el 19 de marzo en la Detroit People's Food Co-op.

Noticias: Barlow habló con Axios sobre cómo aprovecharía su visión de futuro para generar empleo, inversión y vivienda.

Situación actual: "Hay tantas innovaciones que no se están considerando", afirma.

- Una de ellas es utilizar métodos de alta tecnología para crear un portal en línea integral para los servicios municipales que no confunda ni obstaculice a los residentes.

Enfoque: Barlow quiere crear un fondo público-privado de 500 millones de dólares para el crecimiento empresarial. Este fondo incluiría asistencia para fundadores de empresas tecnológicas, la expansión del Fondo Estratégico para Vecindarios, que busca construir corredores, y la creación de centros integrales para empresas.

- Su objetivo es construir centros que difundan la energía innovadora que surgió en lugares como el Newlab de Corktown a otras zonas.
- A modo de comparación, 500 millones de dólares representan el compromiso de 10 años de Dan Gilbert para mejorar sus vecindarios.

Barlow, quien ha trabajado en la administración de las escuelas públicas de Detroit y como entrenador deportivo, afirma conocer a las familias y saber cómo serán los empleos del futuro: dos elementos clave para el desarrollo de la fuerza laboral.

- "Existe una vía completamente diferente que involucra los medios de comunicación, las redes sociales, el liderazgo intelectual y la influencia", afirma. "Esa es una vía en sí misma que ni siquiera apoyamos como comunidad".
- También mencionó la movilidad espacial y aérea como vías profesionales.

Otros puntos de política en el plan de 11 páginas de Barlow incluyen:

- Utilizar IA, incluyendo evaluaciones de tráfico y trayectoria profesional.
- Múltiples reformas de zonificación para acelerar el desarrollo e incentivar la vivienda asequible.
- Atraer empresas de alta tecnología e incentivar a aquellas que reubiquen sus sedes aquí.
- Apoyo a los trabajadores, como transporte público de bajo costo, cuidado infantil y servicios de salud mental.
- Subvenciones para modernizar viviendas para que sean energéticamente eficientes.
- Educación sobre la generación de crédito, la elaboración de presupuestos y la planificación hipotecaria.

Contexto: Un tema central de la campaña para la alcaldía son las grandes empresas y la comunidad: equilibrar los diversos intereses y necesidades de quienes afectan y se ven afectados por la evolución de Detroit.

- Barlow afirma que a veces las personas convierten los nuevos desarrollos en un conflicto mayor de lo necesario.
- "Si no puedes guiar a cada familia, si no puedes regir a cada líder y llevarlos a la mesa para que entiendan qué obtienen y cómo se los valora, entonces no puedes ser un líder".

En resumen: Cuestionamos a Barlow sobre una cualidad que aportaría como alcalde y que lo diferenciara de otros candidatos.

- "La capacidad de atraer capital de marca", dice. "No tienen ni idea ni relación con nadie en el mundo del entretenimiento, el cine o la tecnología que renueve la imagen de la ciudad para el siguiente capítulo".
- Afirma que Detroit necesita aprovechar el potencial de los habitantes que se fueron para tener carreras exitosas en el mundo del entretenimiento.

Detroit mayor's race sit-down: Jonathan Barlow

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As mayor, businessman Jonathan Barlow would harness his experience in high-tech industries and entrepreneurship to prepare Detroit for the future.

The big picture: Axios' interview with Barlow is the latest in our series interviewing mayoral candidates on their policy priorities.

- Barlow and other candidates who haven't held elected office before aim to bring outside energy to city government when they see many residents jaded by traditional politics.

Flashback: Barlow is a venture capitalist and the strategic partnership director for X Big Tech. He has experience in community organizing, DEI, web development and cybersecurity.

- Barlow has also worked as a cannabis industry consultant.
- His Citizens for Sensible Cannabis Reform group collected signatures to help Detroit's medical cannabis industry through successful ballot proposals in 2017.
- He grew up in Detroit, attending school board meetings in the 1990s with his mother, who worked in Detroit Public Schools.

Driving the news: Barlow spoke with Axios about how he would harness his forward-looking nature for jobs, investment and housing.

State of play: "There's so many innovative things that aren't being considered," he says.

- One of them is using higher-tech methods to build a comprehensive online portal for city services that doesn't confuse or hinder residents.

Zoom in: Barlow wants to create a public-private $500 million business growth fund. It would include assistance for tech founders, expanding the corridor-building Strategic Neighborhood Fund and creating "one-stop-shop" centers for businesses.

- He aims to build hubs that spread the innovative energy started in places like Corktown's Newlab to other areas.
- For comparison, $500 million is the size of Dan Gilbert's 10-year neighborhood improvement commitment.

Barlow, who has worked in Detroit public schools in administration and as a sports coach, says he knows families and he knows what the jobs of the future look like—two key pieces of workforce development.

- "You have a whole 'nother pathway and track that involves media, social media, thought leadership and influencing," he says. "That's a pathway of itself that we're not even supporting as a community."
- He also pointed to space and air mobility as career avenues.

Other policy planks in Barlow's 11-page plan include:

- Utilizing AI, including for traffic and career pathway assessments
- Multiple zoning reforms to get development done quicker and incentivize affordable housing
- Attracting high-tech businesses and incentivizing those that relocate their headquarters here
- Worker support like low-cost transit, childcare and mental health services
- Grants for retrofitting homes to be energy efficient
- Education on credit-building, budgeting and mortgage planning

Context: One theme of the mayor's race is big business and community—balancing the varied interests and needs of those affecting and affected by how Detroit is evolving.

- Barlow says sometimes people make new developments into more of a conflict than they need to be.
- "If you can't hold every family's hand, if you can't hold every leader's hand and bring them to the table so that they understand what it is that they're getting out and how they're valued, then you can't, then you can't be a leader."

The bottom line: We asked Barlow about a quality he would bring as mayor that is different from other candidates.

- "The ability to attract branded capital," he says. "They have no clue and no relationship with anybody in entertainment, film or tech that rebrands (the city) for the next chapter."
- He says Detroit needs to harness the powers of native Detroiters who left for successful careers in entertainment.

John Barlow, (far left) listens at the "Let's Talk Rountable" hosted by Mexicantown CDC last year.

Captain Starr Gonzales Reassigned to DPD 4th Precinct

Captain Starr Gonzales was recently transferred to the Detroit Police Department's 4th Precinct which serves Southwest Detroit. Captain Gonzales joined the Detroit Police Department in 2007, after serving in the military for eight years. She has a Bachelor's in Criminal Justice and a Master's in Business Administration. Her decision to join the department was influenced by her love for the city of Detroit and her activist father, Jesse Gonzales, Sr. Captain Gonzales' biggest reward during her career with the department has been giving back, helping citizens and assisting her fellow officers. Photo and announcement courtesy of the Detroit Police Department.

Captain Starr Gonzales

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Community Organizations and Residents Mobilize

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The City of Detroit set up their donation center at Patton Park. The recreation center at Patton Park, however, was far from ground zero, and organization leaders soon found out that Patton Park was not set up to monitor who received donations.

Led by then CEO Laura Chavez, the staff at the Southwest Detroit Business Association (SDBA), used their connections with major businesses to get donations to all the hubs across Southwest Detroit and directly into the hands of affected residents.

Major businesses and organizations that answered the call included the American Red Cross, Gleaners, Forgotten Harvest, Alliance Catholic Credit Union, Meijer, and Walmart to provide medical necessities, food, and clothing. SDBA was also the go-to for local businesses and organizations to provide goods and services such as E&L Supermercado, Prince Valley, Santos Church, El Barzon, La Palapa del Parian, and many more.

Munoz from LA SED agreed to offer its Senior and Youth Center as a drop-off location since it was only a few blocks away from ground zero creating one of the major donation hubs at W. Vernor and Green St.

DHDC utilized the Delray Community Center for case management and as a central donation depot. UNI accepted donations and managed the distribution to affected residents from the basement of their All Saints Neighborhood Center.

"Something that brought me great comfort was when I would walk downstairs, how many people I recognized from the neighborhood; it was really beautiful," Christine Bell, executive director of UNI said.

Salinas from CoC recalled running into Sonia Rose while going door to door and devising a plan together to get donations and provide support to the affected residents. The first step was to contact the city to get intel on what hotels people were being taken to so they can bring supplies to them.

The five organizations kept close communication with the city mainly through District 6 Manager Eva Torres and Councilmember Gabriela Santiago-Romero to inform them on issues as they were brought to community leaders' attention.

CoC and Southwest Pride set up tables and tents to provide donations and resources at Green and Lisbon Streets for the families that never left their homes. There Rose met Jimmy Rios, a licensed plumber who put aside his day to day work to provide his knowledge and skills to as many households as he could.

Rios alerted Salinas on the second day about the utilities being left on in the homes. Together they walked inside of homes with people still there and noticed some houses reeked of gas. The two of them personally walked into 42 homes that day, convincing people to leave.

"He turned off the water, he turned off the gas and he drained the water [so the pipes would not freeze]," Salinas said.

Salinas took a video of Jimmy explaining why the utilities needed to be turned off as soon as possible and posted it on Facebook. That also included a tutorial on how to properly do the process on their own.

"He probably saved people's lives and probably a couple of houses from not exploding," Salinas said.

Then leaders realized 'what to do with pets?' And because of Detroiters Helping Each Other (DHEO) and the Michigan Humane Society, pets were taken care of.

"The Humane Society jumped in and provided food for pets and cages and blankets for them," Munoz said, "they provided temporary homes for the pets until the people affected were able to come get them."

Jessica Ramirez, from Detroiters Helping Each Other, not only helped pets but she set up her own base on Beard St where she accepted donations from individual residents and local businesses.

"When I got over there, I started assessing with my team, went back home, and an hour later, came back for the first four days, posted up on Beard Street, gave out home-cooked meals, cleaning supplies, food, crock pots, diapers, anything you could think of that somebody needed," Ramirez said.

Another major problem became transportation because when the water main burst Detroit Public Schools were on winter break, so the following Monday (March 1st) kids needed to go back to school. Community leaders did everything they could to find a solution by working with the city and residents to provide free transportation.

The initial water main break caused a series of unforeseen emergencies that the city of Detroit was not prepared for.

"Having the robust ecosystem of nonprofits and resident groups has just been, I think, really critical to ensuring that we could respond quickly and that we could provide some support in a really devastating situation," Bell said.

Ramirez said her team is still assisting the 19 families left in the hotels and is hoping to have meetings going forward to set a plan for future disasters with the other community leaders.

"We're hoping that the lessons learned from this experience will help us and the city create a better system moving forward. So, if and when something like this occurs again, we'll be in a better place for the city and for the community to be able to respond more effectively and faster so that there's less damage and trauma," Reyes said.

Urban Neighborhood Initiatives continues to accept monetary donations on behalf of the coalition of agencies offering assistance to the affected residents. Call 313-841-4447 for more information on how you can help.

EDITOR's NOTE: EL CENTRAL Hispanic News has compiled from the agencies profiled in this article a comprehensive list of dozens of volunteers and local businesses who came forward to provide assistance to the residents who were affected by the flooding. The list is posted on our website at www.elcentralmedia.com. If any volunteers or businesses were missed, email us at info@elecntralmedia.com.

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Lenamarie Hernandez

April 13, 1967 - March 22, 2025

Lenamarie Hernandez was a woman of adventure, passion, and style. Her love for traveling took her all around the world, embracing the excitement of new experiences with an open heart. She had an innate ability to make any place feel like home, and her zest for life was felt by everyone she encountered.

Known for her impeccable fashion sense, Lenamarie was a true "Glam-ma" to her grandchildren. They were lucky to have a grandmother who not only dressed with flair but also filled their lives with laughter and love. Her vibrant personality and contagious smile lit up every room she entered, even in the face of illness.

Though Lenamarie's voice became quieter over time, she found unique ways to express herself, often relying on the universal language of humor. Even when words failed her, a well-timed middle finger became her signature way of communicating discontent, reminding us all that no matter the challenge, she never lost her spark.

Lenamarie faced her trials with remarkable grace and dignity. She taught those around her that resilience isn't just about surviving—it's about thriving, no matter the obstacles.

Lenamarie's warmth, wit, and style will forever be remembered by all who loved her.

Lenamarie was the beloved wife of Omar. Loving mother of Jessica (Kyle) Straka and the late Michael Hernandez. Proud grandmother of Rowan and Liliana Hernandez (and their mother Traci Hernandez) and Stella and Kiko Straka. Cherished daughter Frank (the late Stella) Alcala, Sr. Dearest sister of Frank (Lucy) Alcala, Jr., Marci (Scott) Shine. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A funeral mass was held on Tuesday, March 25 at Basilica of Ste. Anne de Detroit and she was laid to rest with a private family service in Woodmere Cemetery, Detroit.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Lenamarie's name may be directed to the American Brain Tumor Association (www.abta.org), 8550 W. Bryn Mawr Ave. Ste 550, Chicago, IL 60631.

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POLICY WORKSHOPS

The Plan Detroit team invites you to join us for interactive policy workshops where YOUR voice will directly shape our city's future. This is your opportunity to influence the decisions that will affect Detroit neighborhoods, environment, culture, transportation, and economy for years to come.

WHAT TO EXPECT

These interactive workshops will focus on creating practice policies that address the real needs of Detroiters.

- **What You'll Do:** Participate in guided discussions, collaborate with fellow residents, and work directly with city planners to develop policy recommendations.
- **What We'll Provide:** Light refreshments, all necessary materials, and a welcoming space for every voice to be heard.

All of the workshops will take place at:

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8431 Rosa Parks Blvd.
Detroit, Michigan 48206

NEIGHBORHOODS & HOUSING
Saturday, April 12th
10:00 am - 12:00 pm *(doors open at 9:30 am)*

OPEN SPACE & ENVIRONMENT
Saturday, April 12th
1:30 - 3:30 pm *(doors open at 1 pm)*

ARTS & CULTURE
Monday, April 14th
5:30 - 7:30 pm *(doors open at 5 pm)*

MOBILITY
Tuesday, April 15th
5:30 - 7:30 pm *(doors open at 5 pm)*

JOBS & ECONOMY
Wednesday, April 16th
5:30 - 7:30 pm *(doors open at 5 pm)*

REGISTER TO PARTICIPATE

Scan the QR Code or visit the project website to register.

WWW.PLANDETROIT.COM

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detroitmasterplan@detroitmi.gov
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TALLERES DE POLÍTICAS

El equipo de Plan Detroit lo invita a participar en talleres interactivos sobre políticas, donde SU voz dará forma directamente al futuro de nuestra ciudad. Esta es su oportunidad de influir en las decisiones que afectarán los barrios, el medio ambiente, la cultura, el transporte y la economía de Detroit en los próximos años.

QUÉ ESPERAR

Estos talleres interactivos se enfocarán en la creación de políticas prácticas que respondan a las necesidades reales de los residentes de Detroit.

- **Lo que hará:** Participar en debates guiados, colaborar con otros residentes y trabajar directamente con urbanistas para desarrollar recomendaciones de políticas.
- **Lo que ofreceremos:** Refrigerios ligeros, todos los materiales necesarios y un espacio acogedor para que se escuchen todas las voces.

Todos los talleres se realizarán en:

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BARRIOS Y VIVIENDA
Sábado, 12 de abril
10:00 am – 12:00 pm
(las puertas abren a las 9:30 am)

ESPACIO ABIERTO Y MEDIO AMBIENTE
Sábado, 12 de abril
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ARTE Y CULTURA
Lunes, 14 de abril
5:30 - 7:30 pm *(las puertas abren a las 5 pm)*

MOVILIDAD
Martes, 15 de abril
5:30 - 7:30 pm *(las puertas abren a las 5 pm)*

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Miércoles, 16 de abril
5:30 - 7:30 pm *(las puertas abren a las 5 pm)*

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Vibrant

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World-class

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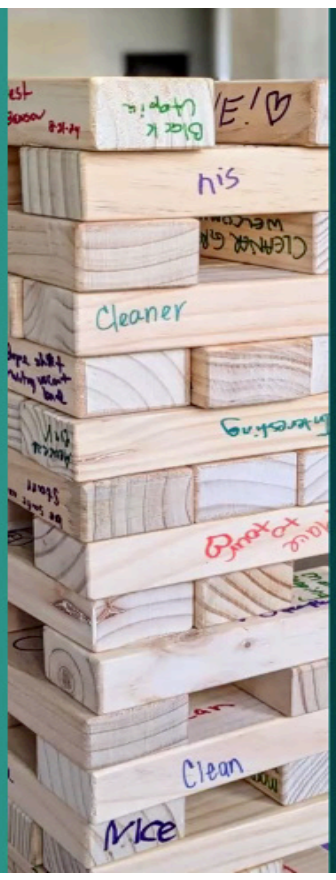

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Accessibility

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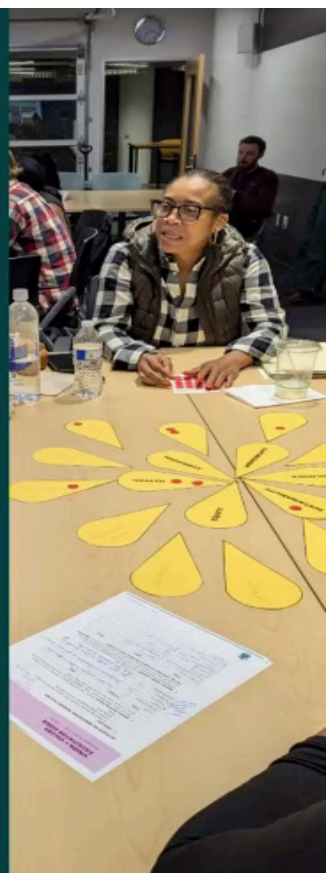

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Detroit Tigers Opening Day Roster

TAKE OUR SURVEY!

What are the biggest housing and community development needs in your neighborhood?

The City of Detroit is planning how to use funds it gets from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The City does this every 5 years—it's called a **Consolidated Plan**, and it covers important things like:

- **Affordable housing**
- **Infrastructure**
- **Community facilities**
- **Public + social services**
- **Business assistance**
- **Job creation**
- **Blight removal**
- **Preventing homelessness**

Please take our survey at the links below! Your ideas will help the City plan and prioritize its HUD funding for 2025 - 2029.

In English:
www.surveymonkey.com/r/BF252XX

En Español
www.surveymonkey.com/r/YPZ9YR8

The survey will be open until **April 4, 2025**. It's all confidential!
Have questions?
Contact Warren Duncan at: wduncan@detroitmi.gov

City Stifled In Louisville

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David Levine
EL CENTRAL

Since moving into the Lynn Family Stadium, Louisville City has flexed its big budget muscle to build a team that contends for the USL Championship title every season. Based on the evidence of their comfortable 2-0 over Detroit City last weekend, this year will be no different. They easily saw off the challenge of Le Rouge. A goal in each half settled the score as DCFC struggled to make any inroads against Louisville's well-drilled defense.

The hosts set the tone early, bottling DCFC up in their own half. Danny Dichio's team stuck rigidly to its attempts to play out of the back. That inflexibility simply invited Louisville's forwards to press higher and bring the rest of their team forward until all ten field players had camped inside DCFC's half. What DCFC needed was a long ball threat, someone who had the speed to get behind the Louisville City back line and get on the end of a ball over the top.

Playing with the swirling wind during the first half, Le Rouge had ample opportunity to test the long ball. On the few occasions they did, both teams misjudged the flight of the ball as it carried. Had Ben Morris or Darrin Smith timed it right, they could have been dangerous. Even scarcer opportunities for Rhys Williams and Alex Villanueva to get past their defenders on the wings didn't materialize, because both declined to press the issue one-on-one.

These factors led to debutant goalkeeper Carlos Herrera having a busy afternoon. No reason was given for starter Carlos Saldana's absence. Herrera could have done better on Ray Serrano's opening goal after twenty minutes. He got a big hand to it, but not enough to keep it out of the goal. The team had turned possession over after trying to play out of the back and then the defense fell a step behind Louisville's quick ball movement. Serrano found himself unchallenged and force the ball past Herrera.

Louisville clinched the three points and an early season edge over one of its pursuers by taking advantage of a hobbled Villanueva on the left side of DCFC's defense. Villanueva looked like he suffered a muscular injury chasing Emanuel Perez and pulled up. Perez, now under no pressure, found Jansen Wilson in front for an easy goal. A late red card to Louisville's Kevin Lambert for a rash challenge didn't help much, because Villanueva had to remain on the field for DCFC with all substitutions used.

The loss in Louisville will send DCFC a clear message on how far they are from the upper echelons of the league. The constant desire to play it out of the back does little more than draw the opposition onto them and with no speed threat up front to keep the defense honest or in the heart of midfield to make enough quick passes and runs, DCFC must always make the perfect pass. This has now cost points in the last two games as Birmingham took advantage of a similar error to score their first goal at Keyworth in the home opener.

Substitute forward Jordan Adebayo-Smith can provide a solid center forward presence, but would do better to hold that position rather than move to the wings. His first action last Saturday was to control a ball in the center circle and play it through to a midfielder running by. The pass was a bit long, but the idea was spot on. Then, he floated to the wings, leaving the middle empty, giving his team no target. He can change the way the team plays if he uses his strength.

Aboulaye Diop and Ates Diouf might be lineup changes to consider for this weekend's match against Monterey Bay, if they are fit. DCFC needs an injection of speed and strength in midfield. Diouf is quick and skilled in small spaces. Diop has a physical presence that DCFC sorely lacked against Louisville.

The visitors come to Keyworth on a three-game winning streak. Led by Paul Ilijah's three goals and two assists, Monterey Bay sits in second place in the Western Conference, behind San Antonio, the only team with four wins from four games. Last year, Monterey Bay finished second from bottom in the West. They have come out storming this year and will give DCFC another hard game (4:00 pm, WKBD-50).

Another interesting thing for local soccer fans to note has to be Louisville's stadium. With a capacity that can reach 15,000--9,004 attended the DCFC game--it is ready for the anticipated development of a USL Division One above the Championship. That evolution has been scheduled for either 2027 or 2028 with promotion and relegation between three professional tiers of the USL. The stadium has a fantastic grass pitch and a surface of World Cup proportions. While DCFC has discussed bringing its fan vibe to the anticipated new stadium in 2027, team owners will have certainly been observing how Lynn Family Stadium operates. There are ample food and drink stands along with plenty of proper restrooms, conveniences not available at Keyworth. DCFC has the fan edge though, as the 9,004 fans didn't make as much noise as the East Stand at Keyworth does.

Detroit Tigers Announce "Giveaways" For the Season

Giveaway schedule provided by Detroit Tigers

The Detroit Tigers home opener is this Friday, April 4th at 1:10 pm hosting the Chicago White Sox. The Tigers are once again having giveaways for certain Saturday games, for the first 15,000 fans. The first giveaway will take place this Saturday, April 5th, with the Tigers giving away a Tigers flannel.

For more information on the giveaways or to purchase tickets, please visit:
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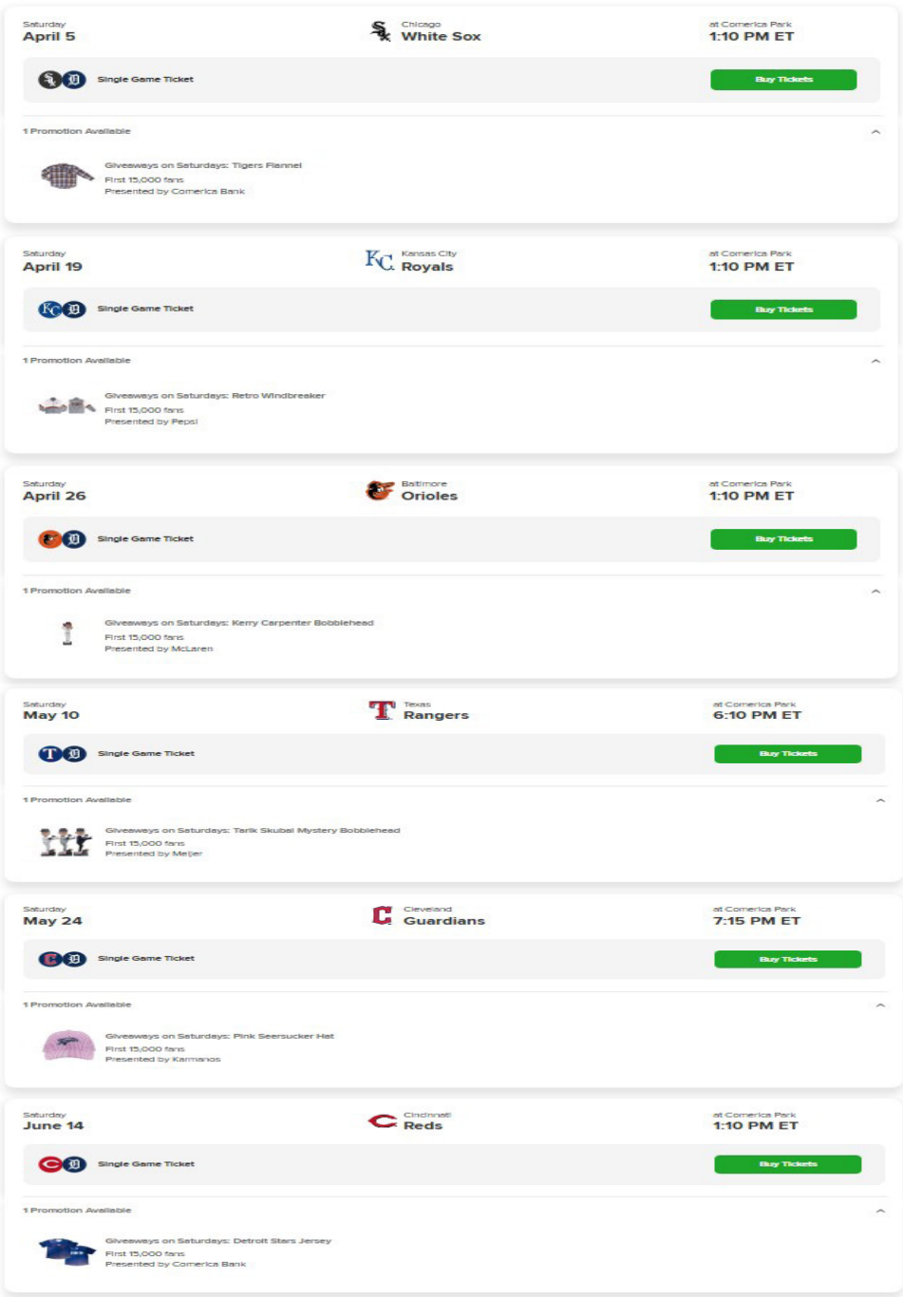

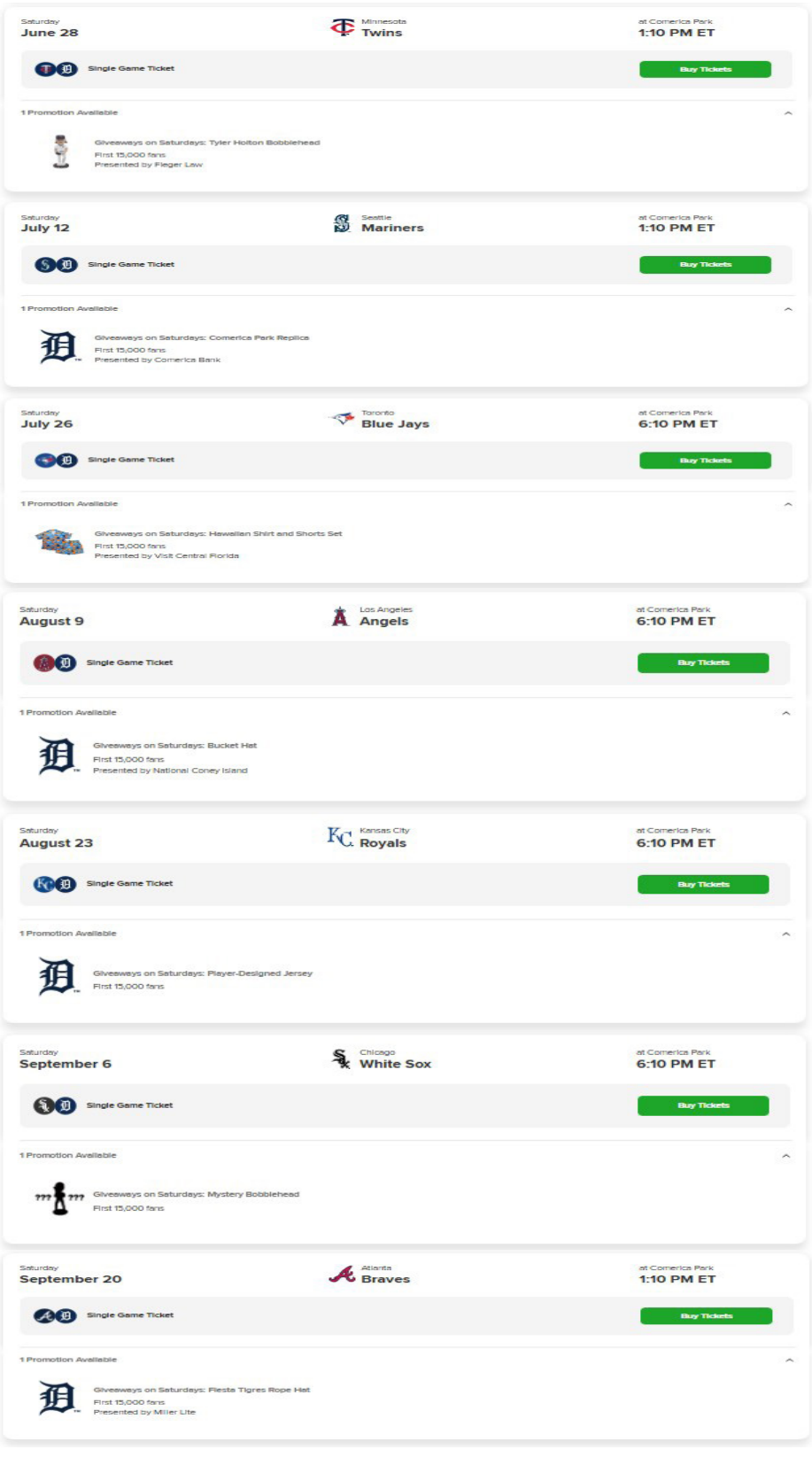

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What's New and Giveaway Items at Comerica Park for 2025 !!!

Sports Editor: Dan Graschuck/ EL CENTRAL

Photos by Dan Graschuck and Michael Alberts

The Detroit Tigers home opener is this Friday, April 4th at 1:10 pm at Comerica Park, when they host the Chicago White Sox for a three game series, before hosting the New York Yankees for three games, starting on Monday, April 7th at 6:40 pm.

Photos below are highlights from the giveaways and new things, and on page 9 new food options at Comerica Park

Comerica Park is unveilling "Home Plate Club" a world-class club area, featuring heating and cooling climate control technology in 350 seats

The Tigers will treat the first 15,000 fans, on Saturday, July 26th, to a Hawaiian Shirt and Shorts Set giveaway

The Tigers will be holding Fiesta Tigres weekend September 19th and 20th. September 19th is a special ticket package where the package includes limited-edition Hispanic Heritage jersey. Saturday, September 20th, the first 15,000 fans will receive a Fiesta Tigres Rope Hat giveaway. For special ticket packages, please visit: https://www.mlb.com/tigers/tickets/specials/events

The Tigers will be holding Negro Leagues weekend June 13-15. They will be giving away for the first 15,000 fans a Detroit Stars Jersey

(Above) Tarik Skubal mystery bobblehead giveaway, for the first 15,000 fans on Saturday, May 10th.
(Below) Opening day merchandise fans can purchase at Comerica Park, onFriday, April 4th

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Food Options at Comerica Park For 2025 !!!

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Pulled Pork sandwhich and Mac and Cheese by Slow's

Delaware North Sportservice
Comerica Park
Chickpea Power Bowl
Rice, Chickpeas, Tabouleh, Garlic Sauce, Hummus, & Pita Chips
(Can Add Chicken)

Chickpea Power Bowl a Comerica Park special

Avocado Turkey sandwhich by Breadless

Little Caesars Deep Dish Pizza

Motor City Melt by Blue Moon Bistro

Tomahawk Steaks by Fairway Packing Co.

Smash Burger and fries by Fairway Packing Co.

SPECIAL WORLD'S CULTURES

Ecuador

Basilica of the National Vow: Sacred Heart of Jesus

The Basilica of the National Vow is located next to the convent of the Oblate Fathers in the historic center of Quito. With its Neo-Gothic architecture, it is the largest church in the entire American continent.

Legend has it that the day work stops and the construction of the Basilica of the National Vow is considered complete, the day will mark the beginning of the fall of Ecuador as a Free and Sovereign State.

The Basilica's construction began at the initiative of Father Julio Matovelle in 1883 and with the support of then-President José María Plácido Caamaño, seeking to pay homage to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, patron saint and guardian of the needs of the Ecuadorian nation. The Basilica was designed by French architect Emilio Tarlier, based on the previously designed Parisian Cathedral of Our Lady. The first phase of construction took approximately 40 years, until it was inaugurated in 1924. The work was not yet complete, and the detailing continues to this day.

In 1985, it was blessed by Pope John Paul II, and in 1988, it was dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

The Basilica of the National Vow is compared, for its architectural magnificence, to St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York and Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris.

Its towers tower over the city, enhancing its beauty and lending special splendor to its neo-Gothic architectural style, characterized by tall towers, pointed arches, ribbed vaults, and large stained-glass windows.

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ESPECIAL CULTURAS DEL MUNDO,
by Mariana Ayón RV

Ecuador

Ecuador is a South American country with a Pacific coast and a population of more than 16 million. It is the only country in the world with the Rights of Nature included in its constitution. It has recently emerged as an energy powerhouse due to its eco-sustainable energy projects. It has the highest concentration of rivers, and its diversity is recognized worldwide. Part of its national territory is located in the protected areas of the Amazon.

In addition to being located on the Equator, in the middle of the world, separating the Northern Hemisphere from the Southern Hemisphere, it offers a unique tourist attraction, as it is in this country where the changing forces of nature's laws are visible with the twists and turns of the water.

Ecuador achieved its independence from Spain on May 24, 1822, and joined what was once Gran Colombia, along with Panama and Venezuela; territories that were part of Simón Bolívar's project. The Bolivarian dream dissolved in 1830, when, in pursuit of independence from Colombia, the Republic of Ecuador was formed, with Juan José Flores as president.

ESPECIAL CULTURAS DEL MUNDO

Ecuador

Basílica del Voto nacional: Sagrado corazón de Jesús

La Basílica del Voto Nacional ubicada junto al convento de los padres Oblatos en el centro histórico de la ciudad capital de Quito. Con una arquitectura de estilo Neogótico es el templo más grande de todo el continente americano.

Cuenta la leyenda de la Basílica que el día en que se paren los trabajos y se considere terminada la construcción de la Basílica del Voto nacional, ese día iniciará la caída de Ecuador como Estado Libre y Soberano.

La Basílica inició su construcción gracias al padre Julio Matovelle en 1883 y con el apoyo del entonces presidente José María Plácido Caamaño con el afán de rendir homenaje al Sagrado Corazón de Jesús, santo patrono y quien vela por las necesidades de la nación ecuatoriana. Fue bendecida En 1985 por el papa Juan Pablo II.

El diseño de la Basílica quedó a cargo del arquitecto francés Emilio Tarlier con base en la ya diseñada catedral parisina de Nuestra Señora. La primera parte de las obras, tardaron alrededor de 40 años, cuando en 1924 se inauguró, aunque las obras no habían concluido, pues hasta el día de hoy se continúan los trabajos de detallado.

A la Basílica del Voto Nacional se la compara por su magnificencia arquitectónica con la Catedral de San Patricio (Saint Patrick) en Nueva York y con la Catedral de Nuestra Señora de París (Notre Dame).

Sus torres sobresalen la ciudad, lo que le realza la belleza, poniendo especial esplendor a su estilo arquitectónico neogótico, que es caracterizado por altas torres, arcos apuntados, bóvedas de crucería y grandes vitrales.

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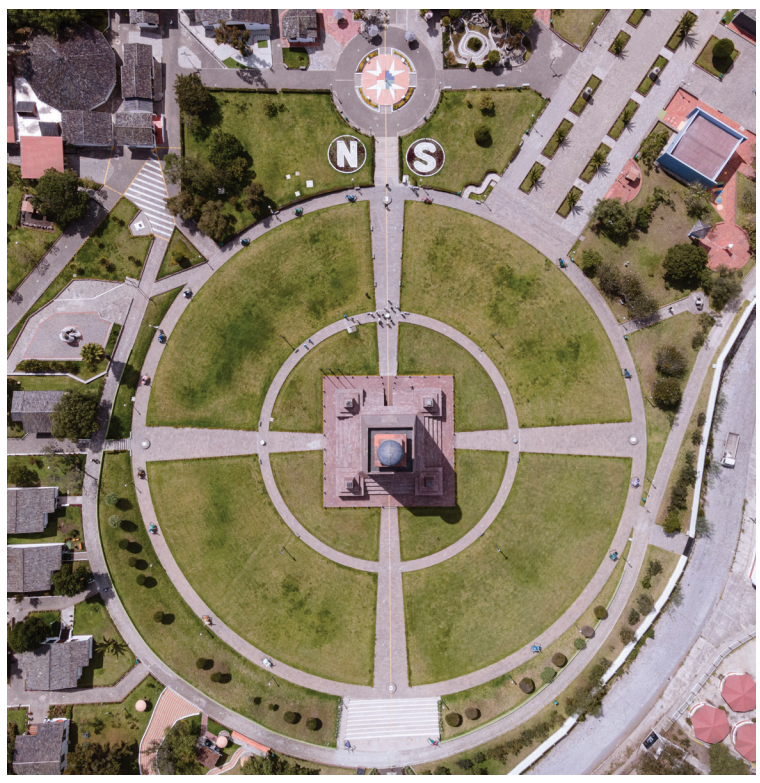
Ecuador

Ecuador es un país de América del Sur con costas al pacífico y una población de más de 16 millones de habitantes. Es el único país del mundo que en su constitución tiene incluidos los Derechos de la Naturaleza. Recientemente se ha destacado como potencia energética debido a sus proyectos de energía ecosustentables. Tiene la más alta concentración de ríos y su diversidad es reconocida en todo el mundo. Parte de su territorio nacional se encuentra en las zonas protegidas de la Amazonia.



Además de ubicarse en la línea del Ecuador en medio del mundo separando con ello el Hemisferio norte del Hemisferio sur, dándoles un turismo particular, pues es en este país donde es visible ver el cambio de las fuerzas de las leyes de la naturaleza con los giros del agua.

Ecuador logró su independencia de España el 24 de Mayo de 1822, para adherirse a lo que fue la Gran Colombia junto con Panamá y Venezuela; territorios que formaban parte del proyecto de Simón Bolívar. El sueño bolivariano se disolvió en 1830, cuando buscando su independencia de Colombia, se forma la República de Ecuador, teniendo como presidente a Juan José Flores.

El territorio del Ecuador se divide en: Parroquias (urbanas o rurales), las cuales conforman los Cantones, estos las Provincias, y estas a su vez las Regiones Administrativas. Cada una de estas entidades y los Distritos Metropolitanos tienen un Gobierno Autónomo Descentralizado, encargado de ejecutar políticas dentro de su ámbito.

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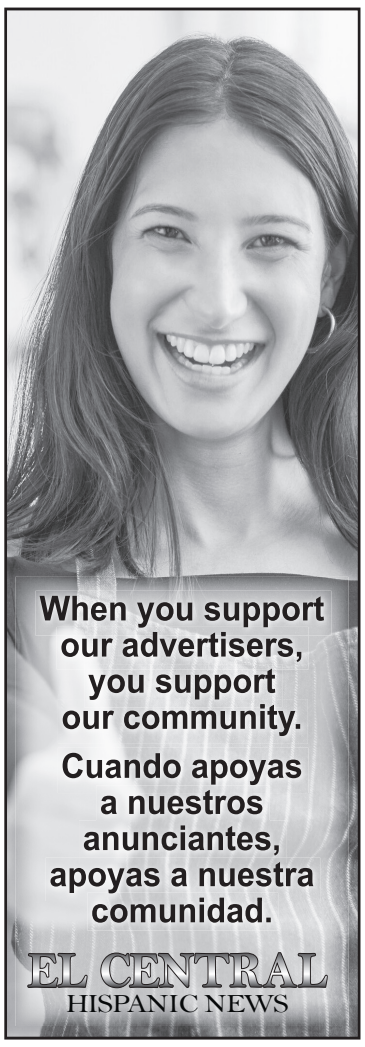
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COMMUNITY PANEL

Voces: The Southwest Detroit Oral History Project is comprised of a group of community artists, scholars and leaders, including WSU CLLAS alumni Osvaldo Rivera and Aaron Barndollar. This project aims to thoroughly document the history of the Latino/a/x community in Detroit, which has roots dating back more than 100 years.

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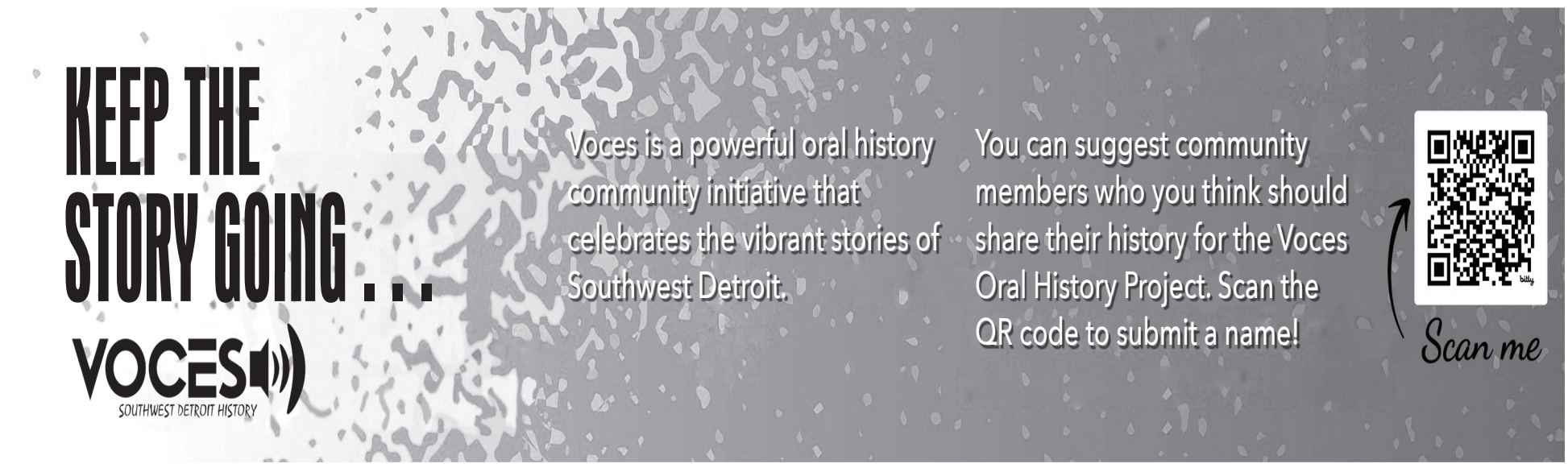
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EDITORIAL OPINION

Guest Opinion:

"Hands off" our health care, our schools, our Social Security, and our rights!

By Robert Reich

"Solidarity" is an important word. It means our interests are the same. We stand together. We have strength in numbers. We support each other against oppression.

Dictators, fascists, and authoritarians of all stripes — Trump, Putin, Orban, for example — hate solidarity. They don't want us to join together. They'd prefer that we cower alone. They want us to feel powerless and afraid.

This is why I encourage you to participate in the demonstrations planned for this Saturday, April 5, across America.

Millions of Americans will march with one message to Donald Trump and Elon Musk: Take your hands off of our health care, our data, our jobs, and our services!

Donald Trump and Elon Musk think this country belongs to them. On Saturday, April 5, millions of Americans are mobilizing to show it doesn't.

This mass mobilization is our message to the world that we do not consent to the destruction of our government and our economy for the benefit of Trump and his billionaire allies.

Americans across the country are marching, rallying, and protesting to demand a stop to the chaos and to build an opposition movement against the looting of our country.

It's time to remove, reverse, and reclaim.

But we must do so peacefully. A core principle behind all Hands Off! events is a commitment to nonviolent action. We expect all participants to seek to deescalate any potential confrontation with those who disagree with our values.

Here's some important information about what's planned and how you can become involved, much of it drawn from a useful Substack called "We the People Dissent" at https://thepeopledissent.substack.com/

THE MARCH

On this single day, four groups have come together: 50501, Indivisible, Hands Off, and Women's March.

They are organizing on two websites: www.Hands Off.com and www.SeeyouintheStreets.com.

Before you go … This is a peaceful movement committed to nonviolence.

Ways you can join!

MARCH IN YOUR STATE

Saturday, April 5 at various times. With the exception of Alaska, every town is within 4 hours or less of at least one protest. Protests are being added daily. My list is a compilation of information from Mobilize, Pol-Rev, and Action Network.

AFTER THE PROTEST . . .

Don't forget to share the COUNT after a protest. The list is ever growing.

SUPPORT FROM HOME

On the day of the protest and leading up to it, amplify the message and encourage others.

- Share and repost videos on social media. Several 50501 and Indivisible groups have a social media presence. Find one in your state and amplify their posts.
- Submit the story to your local news station, newspaper, or social media group.
- Tag news stations and media personalities in public posts.
- Comment on posts and leave an encouraging message.

As of Tuesday noon, 940 protests have been logged. Protests are being added daily

In solidarity we have power.

Opinions in this column are not necessarily those of the Publisher or Editor

Do you have a contrary opinion? Write us at info@elcentralmedia.com

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Hands Off! Detroit Fights Back

Volunteer organized

Time:

Saturday, April 5, 1 – 4pm EDT

Location:

Detroit Institute of Arts

5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit, MI 48202

Donald Trump and Elon Musk think this country belongs to them. Detroit is fighting back!

They're taking everything they can get their hands on—our health care, our data, our jobs, our services—and daring the world to stop them. This is a crisis, and the time to act is now.

On Saturday, April 5th, we're taking to the streets to fight back with a clear message: Hands off!

We will gather in front of the DIA, off Woodward Ave. Please arrive as close to 1 pm as possible, as we will not stay in front of the DIA for long. We will make a couple of short announcements and take off for Grand Circus Park. One way is approximately 1.7 miles. So the total march will be about 3.5 miles. If you would only like to do the march one way, please park near Grand Circus Park. From there you may take the Q-line to the DIA.

Where:

DIA (Detroit Institute of Arts) - FRONT STEPS to gather - marching to park and back.
When: 1:00PM - 4:00PM April 5, 2025

This mass mobilization day is our message to the world that we do not consent to the destruction of our government and our economy for the benefit of Trump and his billionaire allies. Alongside Americans across the country, we are marching, rallying, and protesting to demand a stop the chaos and build an opposition movement against the looting of our country.

A core principle behind all Hands Off! events is a commitment to nonviolent action. We expect all participants to seek to de-escalate any potential confrontation with those who disagree with our values.

Check out handsoff2025.com for more information.

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Ubicación: 17375 Harper Ave, Suite 24124, Detroit, MI, 48224
Contacto: (313) 288-9904 www.detimmigrantcenter.com

International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit
Servicios: ajuste de estatus, solicitudes de asilo, trámite consular, DACA, autorización de empleo, peticiones familiares, naturalización/ciudadanía, estatus de protección temporal, Peticiones de la Ley de Violencia contra la Mujer (VAWA)
Ubicación: 111 E. Kirby, Detroit, MI 48202
Contacto: (313) 871-8600 www.iimd.org

Michigan Immigrant Rights Center
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Ubicación: 7700 Second Avenue, Suite 603, Detroit, MI 48202
Contacto: (734) 239-6863 www.michiganimmigrant.org

Freedom House Detroit
Servicios: solicitudes de asilo
Ubicación: 1777 N. Rademacher, Detroit, MI, 48209
Contacto: (313) 964-4320 www.freedomhouse.org

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Servicios: DACA, naturalization/citizenship
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Contacto: (248) 509-4430 www.mi·nited.org

Resources for Immigrants in Michigan
1 Know Your Rights
Find Michigan-specific information about your rights, how to prepare your family for enforcement, what to do if ICE comes to your door, and what to do after someone is arrested or detained.
bit.ly/MIRCKYR
2 Immigration Legal Services
If you are in need of immigration legal services, call us at 734-239-6863. If lines are busy, leave a message and we will return your call.
3 All detainees can call MIRC for free from detention
MIRC
michiganimmigrant.org

Recursos para Inmigrantes en Michigan
1 Conozca sus Derechos
Aquí encontrará información específica de Michigan sobre sus derechos, cómo preparar a su familia para la aplicación de la ley, qué hacer si ICE viene a su puerta y qué hacer después de que alguien sea arrestado o detenido.
bit.ly/MIRCKYR
2 Servicios legales de inmigración
Si necesita servicios legales de inmigración, llámenos al 734-239-6863. Si las líneas están ocupadas, deje un mensaje y le devolveremos la llamada.
3 Todos los detenidos pueden llamar a MIRC por gratis desde el centro de detención
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[1] **Programa de Pago Inicial y programa America's Home Grant:** los prestatarios que califican deben cumplir los requisitos para la calificación, como ser propietarios de la vivienda que ocupan y comprar una vivienda dentro de un área geográfica específica. Se aplican límites máximos de ingresos y de monto del préstamo. El mínimo de la proporción préstamo-valor combinada debe ser igual o superior al 80%. El préstamo para vivienda debe ser financiado por Bank of America. Bank of America puede cambiar o cancelar el programa de Subsidio de Pago Inicial de Bank of America o el programa America's Home Grant o cualquier parte de estos sin previo aviso. No está disponible con todos los productos de préstamo, por favor pregunte para obtener detalles.

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[3] **Información adicional sobre el programa America's Home Grant:** el programa America's Home Grant es un crédito del prestamista. Los fondos del programa se pueden utilizar solamente para costos de cierre no recurrentes, incluidos el seguro de título de propiedad, cargos por registro y, en determinadas situaciones, se pueden utilizar puntos de descuento para reducir la tasa de interés. El subsidio no se puede aplicar al pago inicial, partidas previamente pagadas o costos recurrentes, como impuestos sobre la propiedad y seguro. Los prestatarios no pueden recibir los fondos del programa como reembolsos de dinero en efectivo.

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